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members of the body. Last year, I can tell you that without any hesitation whatsoever I would have supported this. The reason I would have supported it was twofold. Number one, the cost of health care to the state for tobacco-related diseases, and then the by-product of cessation of smoking. So I wouldn't have had any problem last year, but I have to admit that going back and hitting the same population group this year is a little bit troubling. I can't tell you how I'm going to vote on the amendment yet. I haven't made up my mind. But I have a concern because of the fact that we're probably talking about a minority population in our state. When we look at the statistics of the survey, I think it's pretty easy to surmise that it correlates very similarly to the smoking population. I mean we always see from people when they call, tax this because this is a tax I don't pay. I want you to raise the tax that somebody else pays. And I think we have to be very cognizant of that. We have to be very careful of that. And one of the things that I have made a project of this year is trying to bring some kind of equitable treatment to our tax code because, in fact, it is not equitable at all. It's certainly not simple but it is definitely not fair. Senator Aguilar has addressed it in some of the bills he's introduced. And I will right now tell you that on Select File Senator Brashear is aware that I intend to address the sales tax broadening portion of his bill with the portion that I brought to the Revenue Committee, which was in LB 397, which broadens the sales tax base to include all items, all services, except for food and medical expenses. But as a result, it lowers the rate to 2.8 percent. That's because the impact on those who are first hit with collecting that sales tax and their sales level to their customers may not see the drastic impact. It lowers the rate for the cost of the things that you are currently paying taxes for and that has a benefit to low-income workers in this state who are disproportionately affected by a sales tax. If we can lower the rate, not only do we make it more affordable for them to purchase the goods that they need, the necessities of life, but we also can stimulate our economy. So I think that Senator Brashear, who opened this idea up to the Legislature several years ago, is on the right track. The only problem is the pieces that we have in LB 759 are really not broad enough yet to be fair and they don't lower the rate enough to help or stimulate the economy or to benefit our citizens. So